and Industry, Government of India, M/s Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board (GIDB), a Government of Gujarat entity has forwarded a proposal for infrastructure augmentation including rail connectivity in Gujarat for the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC). The Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (DMICDC) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with GIDB in July 2008 for preparation of perspective and development plan for each investment node jointly and also to facilitate development of select early bird projects. DMICDC has already selected in October 2008 an International Consultant, M/s Halcrow Group Limited for preparation of Development Plan for the identified Investment Regions in the State of Gujarat.

Development of stations in Gujarat

2148. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Kalupur railway station in Ahmedabad has become the busiest junction in terms of passengers and vehicular traffic;

(b) the remedial steps being taken by Government in order to ease the vehicular and passenger influx at Kalupur railway station in Ahmedabad; and

(c) whether Government is considering to develop the Sabarmati railway station as terminal station for passenger and goods trains to avert heavy vehicular and passenger rush at Kalupur railway station on the same line as in the cases of Secunderabad, Baroda and Hazrat Nizamuddin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There is an increase in passenger traffic by 1.81% for the current year (April-October) at Ahmedabad station(Kalupur).

(b) The parking facilities have been increased to cater to the increasing vehicular traffic. Stoppage of most of the Mail/Express trains are provided at Maninagar and Sabarmati *i.e.* stations adjacent to Ahmedabad to mitigate the passenger/vehicular traffic at Ahmedabad.

(c) Sabarmati has already been developed as an alternate freight terminal for Ahmedabad and the existing Meter Gauge line has been converted into Broad Gauge to handle the increasing passenger traffic.

Public-private partnership for creation of new infrastructure

2149. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 1,00,000 crores are likely to be generated from public-private partnership route, to expedite the creation of new railway infrastructure; and

(b) if so, whether the normal gestation period of around 10 years has been kept in view of planning, execution and utilization of infrastructure so that India emerges as a developed nation by 2020?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Certain areas such as development of important identified stations, setting up of manufacturing units for rolling stock, infrastructure projects for port connectivity through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) and several activities in catering/tourism and hospitality areas have been identified for possible execution through public-private partnership route.

The plans for XI Five Year Plan include mobilization of Rs. 75,000 crores through extra-budgetary resources including Public- Private Partnership.

(b) All railway projects involve long gestation periods and this fact is integral to planning and execution of railway projects within the constraints of funds.

Accident claims

2150. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Railway claims tribunals are functioning in India, which adjudicate admissibility of claims in stray cases of accidents involving individuals;

(b) whether the Mumbai-based such tribunal is not functioning since November, 2007, resulting in delay for providing relief to such accident victims;

(c) what is the number of accident claim cases settled in 2007 and total amount paid, tribunal-wise;

(d) how many cases are pending, tribunal-wise; and

(e) how may have been pending for more than six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There are 21 Benches of Railway Claims Tribunal which adjudicate claims cases at 19 places.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) A Statement is attached (*See* below).

(e) 18539 cases (untoward incidents) are pending for more than six months.

Statement

Accident Claims

Name of the Railway Claims Tribunals	No. of claims cases (untoward incidents) settled in 2007	Amount Decreed (Figs. in Rs.)	No. of cases pending at the end of Oct. 2008
1	2	3	4
*Delhi	105	16,075,000	322
Chandigrah	114	23,840,000	387
Lucknow	394	79,169,000	3694